## CSI Schools Parent Letter

 August 15, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the State has identified your child’s school as a CSI school for the 2022-2023 school year. This letter provides important information regarding your child's school and describes the State’s process for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada.

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and identifying low performing schools along with appropriate supports for school improvement. Under ESSA, there are two main school designations: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). Additionally, Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) is another school designation.

The State uses results from its school rating system, the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), to identify CSI, TSI, and ATSI schools.

**CSI Schools**

CSI schools are schools that meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. Are the lowest-performing five percent (5%) of schools in Nevada based on their Index Score on the NSPF,
2. Receive a 1-Star rating on the NSPF (meaning the school has not met the state’s standards for performance),
3. Have a four-year graduation rate below sixty-seven percent (67%) for High schools only.

CSI schools are schools that get placed on the state’s Rising Stars Schools List. Rising Stars Schools will remain a part of a cohort for three years, with the goal of achieving at least a 3-Star rating by the end of its third cohort year. The State identified the first cohort of Rising Stars Schools under Nevada’s 2019 Revised ESSA Plan.

**School Specific Information**

This is the 1st year your child’s school has been identified as a CSI school. Your child’s school has been identified as a CSI school because it meets condition(s) above. You can find out specifics about those indicators by clicking on this link:

<http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/washoe/stead_elementary/2018/nspf>

The following have been identified as reasons why your child’s school is underperforming:

* Interruptions to Routines
* Sub shortages
* Not enough PD to support teachers

Your child’s school will receive increased levels of support which will include:

* Establish a Master Schedule that enables uninterrupted Tier 1 Instruction
* Provide time for PD to improve Tier 1 Instruction
* Establish time for PLC collaboration and planning
* Establish norms for Walkthroughs to support Tier 1 instruction

The following have been identified as district goals for the 2022-2023 school year:

* Academic Growth
* Developing Recruiting, and Training Highly-Effective Personnel
* Family and Community Engagement
* Continuous Improvement
* Safe and Welcoming Schools

**School Specific Actions:**

To provide support and meet school and district goals, Stead ES is using [Title 1 funds to support our goal of improving Tier 1 instructional strategies and planning for Tier 1 instruction. Also, the district will support your child's school by working with the school to create a CSI plan. You will receive further information on how you can engage in this process, as required under federal law. You will also receive a copy of this plan once it is created.

For more information about the progress being made by your child’s school, please review the School Performance Plan on your school’s website. The school’s NSPF report is available on the Nevada Department of Education’s Report Card portal. Please contact your school at 775-677-5480 or stead@washoeschools.net for more information.

Lastly, parent and family engagement is critical to your child’s success. You are welcome and encouraged to become involved in the academic progress of your child's school. Please visit your child’s school for information about parent and family engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

Prim Walters, Principal